

History



The Prince William County Sheriff's Office was established in 1731. It has quickly grown to its current staffing levels in an effort to keep up with the population explosion within the county and cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

The Sheriff's Office responsibilities include Courthouse and Courtroom Security, Legal Process Service, Prisoner Transportation, Fugitive Warrant Investigations, and Community Services.

The Sheriff's Office takes pride in supporting the citizens of the community while providing cooperative support to other area law enforcement, government, and public entities.

In 1996 the office was the first Virginia accredited Sheriff's Office, verifying the highest levels of law enforcement practices are constantly met.

Courthouse Division

Court Security is the primary responsibility of this division. With the increased awareness of potential acts of violence throughout our county, the Prince William County Sheriff's Office has taken great steps to ensure the safety and security of its employees and visitors of the courthouse complex. Through the use of the most sophisticated security equipment and card reader access, along with video and audio monitoring, the Judicial Center complex is a comfortable and secure area for conducting official business.

Operations Division

The Operations Division of the Sheriff's Office is divided into Civil Process, Transportation and the Fugitive Unit. The Civil Process Unit is responsible for serving in excess of 80,000 legal documents annually. The Transportation Unit safely and securely transports all prisoners and court ordered civil patients to locations within the Commonwealth of Virginia, logging in excess of 160,000 miles annually.

Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for the development of policies and procedures for a variety of operational and administrative activities in keeping with the priorities, plans and direction of the agency. This entity is comprised of nine functional divisions: Internal Affairs Investigations, Human Resources, General Orders, Training, Risk Management, Unclaimed Bodies, Reserve and Volunteer Unit, Community Services and Accreditation.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Division provides support to the Operations and Court Services Divisions. The Division consists of Administrative and IT support, Records maintenance, Budget and Fiscal Management, and Purchasing.

